


EMS for Children Committee Meeting
Office of EMS
1041 Technology Park Drive, Glen Allen, VA
July 8, 2010
3-5 p.m.

Members Present:	OEMS Staff:	Others:
Robin Foster, MD , VCU, EMSC Committee Chair	Frank Cheatham , HMERT Coordinator, VDH, OEMS	
David P. Edwards, MBA , VDH, OEMS, Virginia EMS for Children Coordinator	Wanda Street , Secretary Senior, VDH, OEMS	
Petra Connell, Ph.D., MPH , EMSC Family Representative		
Virginia Powell, Ph.D. , VDH, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner		
Kae Bruch , Virginia Association of School Nurses Representative		
Barbara Kahler, MD , VA AAP Representative		
Stephen Rea , TJEMS, Regional EMS Council Representative		
Cathy Fox, RN , Virginia Emergency Nurses Association Representative		
Theresa Guins, MD , Pediatric ED Physician, EMSC Program Medical Director		

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Call to order:	The meeting was called to order by Dr. Foster at 3:08 p.m.	
Approval of Minutes from the April 8, 2010 meeting:	A motion was made to review and approve the minutes. In Paul Sharpe's report, the sixth line should read "Kae Bruch stated that in some school divisions, school nurses are being told they cannot recognize the form." Another correction is to remove "VA ACEP Representative" from the Chair's title. Also, add Dr. Guins to the attendees of the annual NASEMSO meetings in Bethesda, MD in May.	The minutes were approved with the corrections and amendments.
Introductions:	Frank Cheatham introduced himself. He is the HMERT Coordinator for the Office of EMS. HMERT is Health and Medical Emergency Response Teams. (Task Forces) He will be providing support for the Hanover Tomato Festival this weekend.	
Chairperson's Report – Dr. Robin Foster:	<p>New Committee Members</p> <p>Dr. Foster stated that Dr. Sam Bartle has been appointed the Virginia College of Emergency Physicians (VA ACEP) representative.</p> <p>Alice Ackerman, Department Chair of Pediatrics at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital, will be joining the committee</p>	

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	<p>and was supposed to attend today.</p> <p>Gang Violence Video Training Dr. Foster contacted the AG's office about "The Wrong Family" video. She and David Edwards met with Jessica Smith and David Graham. They are willing to provide the training at symposium and in regional areas. Gary Brown created a slot for them to present the program on Sunday at the EMS symposium in Norfolk in November. After the symposium, the intent is to contact the Directors of the Regional Councils about setting up regional trainings.</p> <p>EMSAT Dr. Foster will be doing an EMSAT on Monday evening, July 12 with Terry Coy of OEMS on Respiratory Emergencies and Children.</p>	
<p>OEMS Report – David Edwards/Frank Cheatham:</p>	<p>Budget Dave feels that the Office of EMS has faired well as far as the budget is concerned. No positions were eliminated.</p> <p>EMS Regulations The EMS regulations are being finalized. The DDNR Regulations will go before the Board of Health on July 16. If approved, the new regulation should go into effect September 1, 2010. The EMS Regulations will not be presented to the Board of Health on July 16. If they are completed by the October meeting, they will be presented at that time and if approved will go into effect the first of next year.</p> <p>Furlough Day The state's furlough day was May 28, 2010. No state employees were allowed to work unless it was absolutely vital.</p> <p>Scott Winston Scott just had triple by-pass surgery and is recovering well. He just went home yesterday.</p> <p>2010 Symposium The 2010 symposium will be held, but some events and perks have been cut out. The Commissioner's office granted approval once the budget was finalized. There will be a new Safety Track this year. Dr. Nadine Levick will be teaching.</p> <p>Boy Scout Jamboree The Jamboree will be held July 25 – August 4. Frank and Jim Nogle of OEMS has been attending all of the meetings and will provide support if needed.</p>	
<p>EMSC Program Report – David Edwards:</p>	<p>Surveys The hospital and transport agency surveys will be launched on September 1, 2010 or the last week of August.</p> <p>HRSA Grant A series of performance reports were due within the last two months and another is due next month.</p> <p>OEMS Staff Update Sherrina Gibson has left OEMS and went back to her former position. The Performance Improvement Coordinator,</p>	

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	<p>Nevena Skoro, will take on some of the data responsibilities that were assigned to Sherrina. She will also analyze the performance data when it is received. She will be attending a performance measurement data workshop in September.</p> <p>NASEMSO Conference The National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) Conference is being held October 11-15, 2010 at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott. As the host state, the Virginia Office of EMS is responsible for providing audio/visual equipment and staff to be responsible for it, provide transportation to and from the airport, produce registration notebooks, etc. Several division managers will be attending. Beginning October, David is Vice Chair of the Pediatric Emergency Care Council. In two years, he will be Chair of the Council.</p> <p>Hospital Visits & Mock Codes At the previous meeting, it was discussed that either an EMSAT could be made or residents could go with David to the hospitals to do mock codes on the proper use of the Broselow™ Tapes/pediatric resuscitation. David agrees that this is a great idea and will send out the dates that he plans to make the hospital visits. According to Dr. Foster, each EM resident is assigned an EMS month. Dr. Guins asked David how long it will take to perform the visit. David responded that it will take approximately four hours to do an assessment, go through their pediatric ED equipment, discuss pediatric training, staff, etc., as per the pediatric guidelines. Also if they haven't completed the survey, get them to complete it.</p>	
EMSC Family Representative Report – Petra Connell:	<p>Attached is the email that Petra sent to the committee members. Petra also commented on the importance of nominating providers for the EMSC award in the regions.</p>  <p>Z:\WORD\Petra's July 2010 Report.doc</p>	
Committee Member Organization Reports:	<p>Barbara Kahler, VA AAP – Meeting will be held the end of July. Working on legislative items. Dr. Foster and Barbara attended the AAP Finance Committee meeting and Dr. Foster is concerned about the state budget cost restrictions and how it affects education of pre-hospital providers. AAP will fund lots of education pieces across the state. It would be a good idea to invite the providers to the regional conferences that AAP is holding on pediatric issues. The only issue that came up is that these are CME conferences so they have to look at how to provide CEUs.</p> <p>Stephen Rea, TJEMS – The Professional Development Committee (PDC) met yesterday and discussed the upcoming EMT education and classification changes. There will be no more EMT-B, just EMT and no more Enhanced, just Advanced EMT. Intermediate and Paramedic will remain. These changes will go before the Advisory Board in August. The Council designation process was completed and letters are supposed to go out to each Councils soon.</p> <p>Cathy Fox, VENA – The Virginia Emergency Nurses Association had a meeting in Blacksburg on June 25. There were about 30 people in attendance. One of the nurses from Virginia was elected to the National Board of Directors. Cathy shared information on GASP – Games Adolescence Shouldn't Play-The Choking Game. She has purchased the CD and they have had a child at the hospital who participated in this so called game. It is very dangerous and she feels that more education needs to be brought forward.</p> <p>Kae Bruch, VASN – Kae reported that “The Wrong Family” gang presentation was shown in Roanoke and was very well</p>	<p>Cathy will present the GASP DVD at the next meeting.</p>

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	<p>received. The Virginia Association of School Nurses Conference will be held in Williamsburg the first weekend in November.</p> <p>Virginia Powell, VDH OCME – Next week is the start of new case reviews for 2009. The team will review SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome), SUID (Sudden Undetermined Infant Death) and some accidental deaths associated with asphyxiation. There are about 125 cases. A new team has been put together, but Virginia does not know who has been appointed.</p> <p>Theresa Guins, MD – The Medical Direction Committee (MDC) met this morning and discussed tourniquet use in the protocols. The also approved to add to the scope of practice for the EMT-I and EMT-P to deliver intra nasal medication as this was not previously in their scope of practice.</p>	
<p>Special Presentation by Frank Cheatham of OEMS – Immobilizing Children in Ambulances:</p>	<p>Frank discussed the issues of proper restraints of providers and patients in the back of the ambulance.</p> <p>Frank talked about the Guardian Safety Seat which has a “3 seats in 1” design. It fits adults, toddlers and small children or infants (front and rear) and costs about \$5,000. http://www.serenitysafetyproducts.com/pdf/One_page_flyer_2010.pdf He also discussed possible grant funding to cover the seat costs.</p> <p>The committee discussed safety and liability issues of children not being properly restrained in the event the ambulance is in an accident. They also talked about obtaining crash test data and bringing an ambulance for viewing at an upcoming meeting.</p> <p>Dr. Foster asked if there are any action items that need to be taken. Frank stated that a grant could be looked into to provide every ambulance in the State with a compatible seat for their ambulance.</p>	
<p>New Business:</p>	<p>The annual VDH Injury Prevention Symposium is July 21 & 22 at the Richmond Marriott West and it is free. Registration is available online.</p> <p>The next meeting will likely have two visitors: Tina Turgel, EMSC Project Officer from HRSA and Diana Fendya of the EMSC National Resource Center.</p>	
<p>Public Comment:</p>	<p>None.</p>	
<p>Adjournment:</p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:52 p.m.</p>	<p>The next meeting will be held on October 7 at 1001 Technology Park Drive, Glen Allen, VA.</p>